

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, before line 3:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority from Japanese Application No. 2003-389443, filed November 19, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 24-34 with the following amended paragraph:

In order to improve shear strength, cohesive strength, elastic modulus, initial tack and initial adhesion of the adhesive layer, the copolymer constituting the adhesive layer and the film-forming component can be crosslinked. Preferably, the crosslinker is one that is copolymerized with monomers A and B as well as other monomers. The crosslinker may produce chemical crosslinks (e.g., covalent bonds). Alternatively, it may produce physical crosslinks that result, for example, from the formation of reinforcing domains due to phase separation or acid base interaction. Suitable crosslinkers are disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,379,201, 4,737,559, 4,737,59, 5,506,279, and 4,554,324. Combinations of various crosslinkers can be used to make the copolymer components used in the present invention. Examples of the crosslinker include chemical crosslinker, physical crosslinker and metal crosslinker.